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In reply refer to:
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Honorable Augustus F. Hawkins
Chairman, Committee on Education
and Labor
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This correspondence addresses for the Department of Defense, H.R. 1524, the proposed Polygraph Protection Act of 1985.

The bill fails to provide an exemption for using the polygraph in situations involving employees of government contractors performing work for the government related to the national defense and national security. Employees of government contractors are not considered to be government employees and, therefore, the exemption for government employees provided in Section 8 of the bill would not apply to contractor employees.

For this reason, we oppose enactment of H.R. 1524 without an amendment which would exempt consultants and experts under contract to the government and employees of government contractors from coverage by the bill.

There is enclosed a draft copy of recommended wording for all after subparagraph (a) of Section 6, substitute to H.R. 1524.

We have learned from the Office of Management and Budget that it has no objection to the submission of this letter relative to the Administration's position.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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